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For: A METHOD FOR SELECTIVE)	Examiner: (unassigned)
ELECTROFUSION OF AT LEAST)	
TWO FUSION PARTNERS HAVING)	
CELL-LIKE MEMBRANES)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/SE00/01484, filed July 13, 2000.

Copies of the International Search Report dated December 7, 2000 and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated November 13, 2001 are provided. Applicant also provides copies of the five (5) items cited in the International Search Report as well as three (3) additional publications from the technical literature.

In the International Preliminary Examination Report the claims were found to satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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